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NEW INCOME-TAX FORM INDIGNANTLY PROTESTED

Wheat Agreement Given in Detail WITHDRAWAL NET WORTH, INVENTORY FORMS CALLED FOR

WHAT AGREEMENT WILL INVOLVE IN PRECISE DETAIL

Three Exporting and Thirty-three Importing Nations Are Signatories of Document

STABILIZING FACTOR

Canadian-British Agreement Now Being Discussed in Light of International Pact

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, March 17th.—The basic features of the new international wheat agreement which has been initiated by the representatives of three exporting and 33 importing nations may be summarized as follows:

(1) It covers five crop years beginning August 1st, 1948;

(2) The maximum and minimum prices on basis of wheat number one Northern in store Fort William are for 1948-49 crop year \$2.00 and \$1.50, for 1949-50 \$2.00 and \$1.40, for 1950-51, \$2.00 and \$1.30, for 1951-52, \$2.00 and \$1.20 and for 1952-53, \$2.00 and \$1.10;

(3) It is provided in the agreement that in the third, fourth and fifth years of the agreement prices may be brought within a closer range if both importing and exporting nations agree; if no such agreement is reached, the specified maximum and minimum prices will apply;

(4) The exporting countries will sell and the importing countries will buy annually during the term of the agreement 500,000,000 bushels of wheat. The three exporting nations in the agreement are Canada, the United States and Australia, and of the 500 million bushels supplied Canada's share will be 230 million, that of United States 185 million and of Australia 85 million. The 230 million which Canada agrees to export to the importing countries each year represents the normal exportable surplus of this country.

The Importing Countries

There are 11 of the 33 importing nations which agree to purchase annually over 10 million bushels. The major importing country is of course Great Britain, which will buy approximately 180,000,000 bushels. The others are Austria 18,700,000, Belgium 23,900,000, Brazil 19,300,000, China 14,700,000, French Union and Saar 35,800,000, Greece 18,700,000, India 27,600,000, Ireland 13,200,000, Italy 30,700,000, and Netherlands 30,700,000 bushels. (These figures are at the nearest hundred thousand bushels)

The agreement of sale is made collectively by the exporting countries, and similarly the agreement to purchase by the importing countries collectively.

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Dip Colors in Tribute to New Dominion



Before boarding the *Empress of Australia* for the voyage home, the last of the British troops stationed in India are seen parading past crowds in Bombay. The first battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry dip the King's and Regimental colors as tribute to the new Dominion of the British Commonwealth—India. At about the same time, British troops might have been seen evacuating the other new Dominion of Pakistan.

Want Veterans Land Act to Provide for Co-operative Farms

Co-operative Congress to Press for Ottawa Action—Veterans Co-operate in Saskatchewan

Amendment of the Veterans Land Act of Canada "to enable these veterans to pool their grants for operation of their land on a co-operative basis", was strongly urged by the Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada last week.

This request was first made to Parliament by the 1947 Congress, and it is intended to press vigorously for action at Ottawa this year, in justice to ex-soldiers who wish to pool their grants and co-operate in farming. It was pointed out that "a number of co-operative farms are presently operated in Saskatchewan by veterans of the last war"; and that "these veterans are co-operators in every sense of the term, purchasing all requirements through co-operative channels, disposing of their products via the Wheat Pool, Livestock Pool, etc."; and furthermore that "these co-operative farms are members of the Co-operative Union and are entitled to the support of the Union in their legitimate efforts".

It was pointed out that veterans in other Provinces than Saskatchewan might want to follow the example of veterans there, and that they would

Shaw No Anti-Feminist

"Political mendacity could hardly go further. I know nothing about the contest in Saskatoon and have not interfered in it," declared George Bernard Shaw, commenting on a statement of D. S. Collins, student of the University of Saskatchewan, and candidate for president of the students' council, that his anti-feminist stand had been endorsed by the famous playwright. In an interview in Liverpool, England, Mr. Shaw declared: "Far from wanting to knock women out of politics, I have spent a relevant part of my life trying to knock women into politics."

In Woodland Areas

The financial aspects of farming in the newer sections of woodland in Alberta was the subject of a recent study under the direction of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Department of Political Economy of the University of Alberta. Entitled "Pioneer Farming and Municipal Finance in the Sangudo-Winfield area of Alberta, 1941", the conclusions reached are now published in a 50-page, illustrated pamphlet.

In many countries today extraction rates of 85 to 90 pounds of flour from 100 pounds of grain are the rule. The pre-war extraction rate was 70 to 75 pounds.

have the same obstacles to overcome, unless the act is changed, as their comrades in Saskatchewan have had.

Federation of Agriculture Asks Farmers Not to File Returns For Ten Days

AWAITING NEGOTIATIONS

"Forms Unwieldy, Unfair and Discriminatory Against Farmers" Special Meeting Declares

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

EDMONTON, March 16th.—Indignation and vigorous protest which have been gathering in momentum throughout rural Alberta during recent weeks, against the farmers' income tax form for 1947, found culminating expression at a representative meeting called by President Roy C. Marler in Edmonton today, when a strongly worded resolution was adopted, calling upon the Dominion Government to announce without delay that the inventory and net worth forms are not required.

In the meantime, farmers were urged to withhold filing their returns for a period of ten days pending further negotiations.

Statement in Full

The statement issued at the close of the meeting was in full as follows:

This Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, including representatives of all the major farm organizations in the Province, hereby emphatically protests against the Prairie Farmers Income Tax Form for 1947, recently published by the Income Tax Department.

The Income Tax Act calls upon the taxpayer to file a statement of income, and the form heretofore used is full and sufficient for that purpose. The inventory and the farmers net-worth statement are unnecessary and can only constitute an alternative check on the accuracy of the income return.

No other business or professional man carrying on business as an individual is called upon to give this information called for in the net-worth statement, and from a practical standpoint, answers to the questions cannot be accurately supplied by the average farmer.

Cannot Determine Value

Grain and livestock prices fluctuate from time to time, and the majority of farm people cannot determine the value of livestock and grain that may be sold or held for an indefinite period because of market conditions. Farm people have not the necessary accounting experience in practice to fill out accurately the inventory and net-worth statement, and should not be requested to do so when income for the year has already been furnished. We think it extremely dangerous for any individual to be asked to expose the amount of money that he may have on his person or premises.

We consider the forms unwieldy, unfair, and discriminatory against farmers, and we urge the Government to announce at an early date that the inventory and net-worth forms are not

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

Slogan for To-day: "More Milk From Every Cow"



Old-Timers Were Wrong About Milking Machines

Did not Spoil the Cows or Decrease Production

"When milking machines were first invented, old-timers said they would ruin the cows (some did); dry them up and reduce production. Like the first hard roads, that would 'spoil the horses' feet,' milking machines were 'impractical' and 'could not be made to replace hand milking,' writes C. G. Bradt, in *Hoard's Dairyman*, and then goes on to tell how wrong they were.

Not long ago, I visited an ers. The owner and the hired man Allegany County (N.Y.) dairyman were working together as a team. At milking time, says Mr. Bradt. Each had his job to do. They He was using two single-unit milk- wasted no motions. I was inter-

ested in the milking time for each cow; how long the machines were actually on. When the machine operator was not looking, I pulled out my watch. I checked the time when the machine went on and when it came off. Two and a half minutes was the answer. The cow was all milked. I timed another cow. Her milking time was two and three-quarter minutes. It did not seem possible, but it was so. How could he get cows to milk so rapidly? I watched his procedure.

His Milking Methods

First, the owner washed the udder with warm water containing some chlorine powder for a mild disinfectant.

Next, this hot water massage was followed by drawing a stream of milk from each teat into a strip cup. This milk was quickly examined for mastitis.

By this time, the hired man was ready to put on the machine after dumping the milk from the preceding cow. The owner weighed and carried it to the milk house.

The milker operator kept close watch on each machine. When the udder became slack and the flow through the glass slowed down, a slight downward pull on the teat cups was applied. The machine came off when milking was completed. No hand stripping was needed. Machine stripping was practiced.

Warm Water Massage

The dairyman told me that in his opinion the warm water massage and the drawing of the milk into the strip cup were great aids in getting the cow to "let down". He could feel the milk filling the lower udder and the teats almost immediately after the bag was washed. This is an important part of his procedure, he emphasized. Also, he stressed the need for regularity in all barn operations before milking.

Less Udder Trouble

When I asked about udder troubles, I was told that udder troubles and mastitis seldom occurred except when occasionally a teat is injured. "Don't tinker with pulsations and vacuum," he warned. "Leave them as the manufacturer says."

Timing Devices

I asked if he had ever used any timing devices, such as three-minute egg-timers, clocks or radios. He had. When he undertook these milking methods he had done a lot of individual cow-timing in his herd, using a watch. Machines, he found, were on many cows altogether too long in his opinion. Many cows were slow milkers.

Used Too Many Units

"The first thing I did," he said, "was to lay up two milker units. Then I was using four. Now, with but two units in operation, we get along better. Four were too many for us to keep up with. That is one reason why they were on cows too long. Couldn't take them off fast

enough. Now with two units, our time for each cow is more than cut in half. We also finish the herd as quickly as before. But," he added, "we had to train our cows, too. This took a little time, but we trained 'em. We are satisfied that cows can be trained—at least, most of them—to milk faster."

Training Cows

"How did you train those slow milking cows?" I asked.

"First, we had to know how slow they were; timed them," he replied.

"Then we used the hot water massage and the strip cup as regular practice. Next, we slowly shortened the time we left the machine on. At first, we had to finish many cows by hand. Gradually, the machine took more milk from them so hand 'stripping' became less necessary. Finally, we stopped all hand milking. That is about our procedure. First calf heifers need no training if you start them right to begin with—don't let them get to be slow milkers in the first place, is my rule now."

Old Methods Give Way to New

Old methods of operating milking machines, like picking potato bugs, are slowly giving way to improved practices. Much progress is being made throughout this State (New York). One man using two-milker units is frequently milking 20 cows an hour. This is an over-all time of about six minutes a cow. Many operators are doing better than this.

Faster milking is no longer a myth or impossibility. It is a practical way to save labor; to save cows and to secure full milk production.

Yes, the old-timers were wrong about milking machines, but the "good old days" will always be with us—in legend, at least.

"The Gentle Bull"

He's the One to Watch

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bulls are kept as to what must be observed to make a bull safe.

In a discussion on this point recently, someone asked what is the most dangerous bull. The answer came promptly. It is the bull that as yet has never asserted himself. It is that well-known "gentle" bull—the bull that proud owners lead out on a strap while the staff hangs in the barn; the bull that you are expected to calmly admire even though your extremities are shouting, beware. Yes, that "gentle" bull.

The "gentle" bull gets his man. Do not the reports always state that the bull was "gentle"? Bulls with bad reputations are more closely watched and to that extent their opportunities to attack are fewer.

Viewed from every side the only safe attitude is to regard every bull as a dangerous animal and confine him accordingly. If bulls can be worked regularly on a tread power it sweetens their dispositions and keeps them regular breeders. Few owners care to handle bulls that way, so it is necessary to provide a suitable box stall, exercising yard and breeding rack to keep them in good health and safely under control.—H. A. Hopper in *Dairy Herd Improver*.

CO-OPERATION IN ONTARIO

Reports on 232 co-operatives, given at the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Co-operative Union, showed a membership of 65,804, about 75 per cent being regarded as active. The organizations reported on included 71 engaged primarily in marketing, 137 in distribution, and 24 which provided services such as cold storage, housing, medical, etc. Not included were some 300 credit unions, nor were cheese factories, telephone companies, farmers' clubs, etc.

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Canadian Care Parcels Over \$750,000 in Value

Readers of *The Western Farm Leader*, many of whom have no doubt sent parcels to various countries of the old world through CARE (Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe), will find of especial interest some of the figures presented by Breen Melvin, its Canadian representative, as these were given in the Board Report of the Co-operative Congress in Saskatoon. A considerable growth has taken place in the volume of orders handled, the total value of those which have passed through the Ottawa office being in excess of \$750,000. In January alone orders totalling \$120,000 were processed.

Under new arrangements, Canadian package components are purchased in Canada, Canadian funds being thus retained in Canada, while a considerable influx of U.S. dollars may also be anticipated.

ASK COMPENSATION.

The recent Convention of the U.F.A. asked the Alberta Government to provide that adequate compensation be paid for farm land taken out of production by oil companies, an arbitration board with a farmer representative on it to determine amounts.

Of all flour imported by Britain in 1947, Canada supplied 72 per cent. Canada also supplied 82 per cent of British wheat imports, 90 per cent of oats, and 73 per cent of bacon.

From a package of lespedeza seed sent from Korea by a missionary less than 30 years ago, a hay crop valued at over \$100 millions yearly has been developed in the U.S.

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actively, the exporting countries engaging themselves to sell 500 million bushels at the maximum price if required by the importing countries to do so, and importing countries agreeing collectively to buy at the minimum price required by exporters to do so. The pressure would naturally come from importers if prices on world markets were above \$2.00 a bushel and from exporters if prices declined below the minimum figure for the year affected. It is a form of guarantee for both sides, and, as stated by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, C. D. Howe: "By balancing the interests of both producing countries and consuming countries in an agreement covering the bulk of the world's trade in wheat, the agreement represents a major development in international co-operation".

U.S.S.R. and Argentina, the other major exporting countries, are not parties to the agreement. Any purchases made by the 33 importing countries from these two countries would have to be in addition to the 500,000,000 bushels specified in the agreement. Canada, U.S. and Australia are free to sell outside the terms of the agreement, any extra wheat they may have beyond the pact's requirements.

The Canadian-British wheat agreement is now being discussed with a view to adjusting its terms to accord with the international agreement. There has been the understanding that this would be done in case an international agreement to which Britain and Canada were parties were made.

Relatively Stable Market—Definite Floor

From the point of view of the Western farmer, the international agreement ensures a relatively stable market for the full amount that will be available for export from a normal crop, with definite floor prices.

Attempts were made before the war to bring about some form of agreement between exporting and importing countries but without success. Conditions are of course different now. There is not any great accumulated surplus of wheat. There is not only not a bothersome surplus, but there is an urgent need of the basic item of food, bread, in many countries of the world, and there is little probability that this situation will radically change for some time. This does not mean that all the people in importing countries are convinced that the advantages of the agreement are all on their side. There is a difference of opinion in Britain on whether the minimum rates in the agreement will be in line with markets throughout the five-year period.

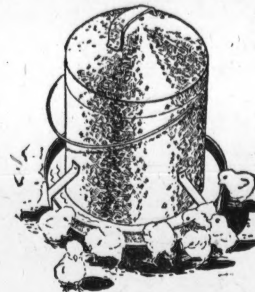
Mutual Advantages

From present appearances it would seem that there are mutual advantages, and this naturally must have been the consensus of opinion or the agreement would not have been reached. It is the objective of the agreement to ensure "equitable and stable prices" for both sides, exporter and importer. There will be a new International Wheat Council of which all nations ratifying the agreement will be the members.

The internal agricultural policies and the methods of marketing wheat, through Wheat Board or otherwise, are not in any way interfered with by the agreement, and competition will have free play within the floor and maximum prices, and prices might be different at different times in the year. The exporting countries must, however, deliver the amounts specified in the agreement, in the case of Canada 230,000,000 bushels.

The British market remains, of course, the main market, and unquestionably the bulk of Canada's exports will be going there, but the agreement opens the way for the resumption of trade with former customers. Of the general aim of the agreement, it is felt that it may well prove a stabilizing factor in world economy, when such factors are so obviously needed.

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THOSE "SIMPLIFIED" FORMS

Farmers have a legitimate grievance against the authorities responsible for the new and "simplified" income tax forms.

In this and other Provinces, after studying the document, they have been holding meetings of protest. The introduction of the "net worth" statement, quite unnecessary to determine the income of farmers for taxation purposes, involving as it does questions which cannot be answered, is the basis of widespread complaint. The inclusion of this statement was protested by the representatives of the C.F.A. when they conferred with the Dominion Cabinet at Ottawa.

Meeting in Edmonton this week, at the call of President Roy C. Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, leaders in the U.F.A., the A.F.U. and other farmer organizations have taken positive action in regard to this matter. In the course they have decided upon they will have the support of all the farm people.

RED CROSS APPEAL

The work of the Red Cross has always been given the most generous support by Alberta farm people, as the records of the activities of farmers and farm women's locals in our own pages have testified throughout the years.

It goes without saying that the present appeal of the Canadian Red Cross Society will bring a wide response in all rural parts of the Province.

AN EPIGRAM FOR CO-OPERATORS

We are sure that those who attended the Canadian Co-operative Congress in Saskatoon last week must have found great pleasure in one outstanding event—the dinner in honor of William Charles Good, of Brantford, the 72-year-old delegate who is Honorary President of the Co-operative Union. A. B. MacDonald, the General Secretary, in presenting to Mr. Good a large portrait of himself, expressed the appreciation and thanks of all those who are familiar with the work he has done for co-operation throughout the years—for his long and faithful service.

Mr. Good became active in the farmers' movement in Ontario in 1904. He was the first President of the United Farmers Co-operative Company of that Province when it was formed in 1915. He played a highly important role as President for many years in the development of the Co-operative Union of Canada. He took some part in public life for a time. It has always been in the dissemination of the ideals of the co-operative movement, however, in both the producer and the consumer fields, that his deepest interests have lain. We had the pleasure of meeting him first a good many years ago now, when he was visiting Alberta, and we have never forgotten the quiet earnestness of his manner as he discussed the humane ends to which his talents have been dedicated.

In expressing thanks for the gift of his associates, Mr. Good spoke of the sacrifices which Mrs. Good had made over a period of some 40 years of their married life, in order that he might follow his chosen career, and he attributed his success to her.

It was in an allusion to the aims and methods of the co-operative movement that the guest of honor said: "It is better to light a little candle than to curse the darkness." That, we think, is an epigram that every co-operator can make his own.

REFLECTIONS OF A YOUNG MOTHER

*I wish I need not look beyond this hour,
That sees you safely cradled on my breast
Against the evil phantoms that devour
My fondest hopes, and fill me with unrest.
My son, my son, so trustful and so dear,
I know how briefly you are wholly mine.
Already o'er your head the war-gods leer
As new and nameless weapons men design.*

*I fain would linger here within these walls
That harbor all the treasure of my heart,
But dare not spurn the pleading voice that calls
Me forth, to find and play my little part
With those who strive to stem the rising flood
That one day could be swollen with your blood.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

Mr. Good added: "Co-operative movements are like little candles—we must keep them lit."

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"PERHAPS THERE IS YET TIME"

Can the co-operative movement of the world yet be a factor in saving the world's peoples from the ultimate calamity of war?

We do not know, but we are convinced that were the movement sufficiently widespread and powerful, it could do much to ease the tensions between great groups of powers—tensions that are today imperilling civilization.

For example, the International Co-operative Alliance has sought, hitherto without success, to induce the powers to agree to the development of the oil resources of the Near East by an international oil co-operative. If it could succeed, it might remove one of the greatest bones of contention between "East" and "West". By doing so it could make more hopeful the prospects of lasting peace.

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Some of these considerations may have been in the mind of President Ralph S. Staples of the Co-operative Union of Canada when, in brief but searching words, he opened the recent Congress.

"Strong as the movement is," he said, "it is not nearly strong enough yet. If we had been able to advance the aims and methods of the co-operative movement to the point where the people of Canada and the people of the world properly understood them, we would face a very different situation in this year, 1948.

"If we had built with sufficient speed and courage and precision, the motivating forces of humanity would not have been fear and dread, hunger and cold, hate and mistrust.

"Perhaps there is yet time. . . . Whether there is time—time to save our civilization from final disaster—depends very largely on those people of the world who believe that the essential needs of humanity can be satisfied without recourse to baser human motives."

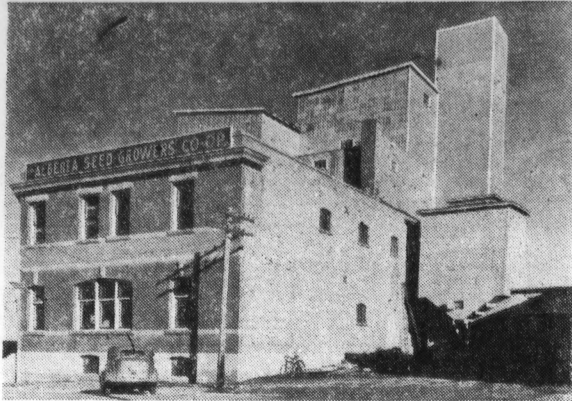
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THEY HAD REASON TO KNOW

"All power tends to corrupt . . . absolute power corrupts absolutely."

That is what the farm people of Western Canada had reason to know only too well when power over the marketing of their grain was a monopoly of business interests over whom they exercised no sort of influence or control.

Seed Growers' Co-op. Will Have Record Year



From a relatively small output in 1941, when they took over from the Alberta Department of Agriculture, the Alberta Seed Growers' Co-operative Ltd., has shown remarkable expansion, its main cleaning plant at Camrose (above), having handled over 7,000,000 lbs. of forage crop seed and 650,000 bushels of registered and certified cereals in the last financial year, while for the present season this record will be considerably exceeded.

Volume Grows Rapidly

Some indication of the rate of growth of volume of seed handled may be gathered from the fact that for the season 1943-44 the total was some 2,000,000 lbs. forage crop seed and 144,900 bushels cereal seed, while in 1946-47 the respective figures were 5,944,000 lbs. and 501,356 bushels. The plant is capable of handling about 10,000,000 lbs. of forage crop seed per winter season of approximately five months. During this period the plant is on a 24-hour three-shift basis. The permanent operating department employees total about 40, rising to some 65 in the busy season. Most of the markets of the Co-operative are in the United States and Europe and Eastern Canada.

Plant Valued at \$150,000

The main building, 120 feet by 60 feet, shown above, is of brick three storeys high, with full basement. There are two attached warehouses, 60 by 60 and 120 by 60 feet. The plant is valued at \$150,000. The Alberta Seed Growers' Co-operative acts as sales agent for the Peace River Seed Growers' Co-operative. It has a brome cleaning plant at Coronation. There is a cleaning plant and warehouse owned by the Sangudo-Mayerthorpe Seed Growers at Sangudo, for whom the Provincial organization acts as sales agent.

Howard P. Wright of Calgary is President of the Alberta Co-operative

Seed Growers. General Manager is A. M. Smith, and Assistant General Manager J. W. Eshom, through whose courtesy and that of C. E. Hughes of the staff *The Leader* recently obtained much information on the operation of the co-operative. At the plant the two assistant superintendents are Roy Milhausen and Pete Matheson. Head office is in Edmonton.

Serve 288,000 Members

Interprovincial Co-operative Holds Meeting in Saskatoon

Serving a total of 1764 local co-operatives with 288,000 members, Interprovincial Co-operatives, Ltd., which has been established by Co-operative Wholesale Associations across Canada for their mutual benefit, had a total volume of inter-provincial business in its last financial year of \$91,184,000, including the volume of business done in co-operative marketing in Ontario and Quebec, where the co-operatives combine their consumer and marketing businesses in a single total figure.

This information was presented to the annual meeting of Interprovincial Co-operatives held in Saskatoon March 5th and 6th, Eric S. Shore, one of the Alberta delegates, informed *The Western Farm Leader* on his return to Calgary. Among other delegates from Alberta were George E. Church, Norman F. Priestley, J. R. Love, R. V. Davies, Dan Gamache, R. M. McCool, Wilfred Hoppins, D. H. Smith, Perry Johnson and Ike Kaileke.

Exchange Memberships with Britain and U.S.

Every Province was represented, and A. B. MacDonald, General Secretary of the Co-operative Union, attended. James Prosser represented the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society and L. McGissie the Maritime. Incidentally, the S.C.W.S., as well as the C.W.S. of England and Wales now have membership in Interprovincial Co-operatives Ltd., which reciprocally has membership in the British organizations. Similarly National Co-operatives Inc., of the United States (represented at the meeting by Laurie Lehten), and the Canadian Co-op. Interprovincial Ltd. have reciprocal memberships.

Mr. Shore learned that 50 percent of the product of the co-operative linseed oil plant at Saskatoon (referred to in our last issue) is being exported, while the co-operative plant making bags from British co-operative jute will soon start operations in Montreal. In Saskatoon Mr. Shore noted an example of the working together of consumer and producer co-operatives. Close to the linseed oil plant is nearing completion a \$2,000,000 co-operative flour mill. The two enterprises will effect large savings by exchange of

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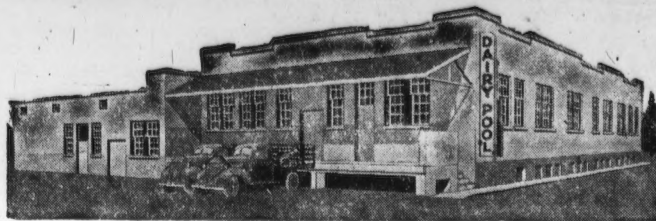
Oleo Bill Won't Come Up

Owing to demands on the time of the House of Commons for consideration of Government measures, it is expected that most private members' bills, including the bill to lift the ban on oleomargarine, will die on the order paper, without coming up for discussion.

UP TO PRE-WAR

Numbers of French cattle had risen by the fall of 1947 almost to pre-war levels, though numbers of milk cows are somewhat less.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



A TRIBUTE TO EFFICIENCY

By CHRIS TOPPENBERG, General Manager

PRESIDENT EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS

It is always very gratifying to me personally when I learn of some achievement by a member of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool or by some member of the Staff of our organization. Mr. Toppenberg, our General Manager, has just brought to my attention a few successes by members of our Staff and by one of our members. I think the membership of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool in general will want me to extend to these individuals the congratulations of this organization for their achievements in the various Dairy Classes.

Yours fraternally,

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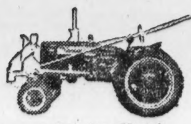
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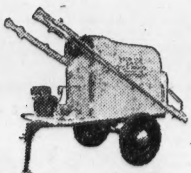
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It is no doubt true that uncounted numbers of people have accomplished feats which, if known to us, would arouse our admiration. They did so quietly, and were quite content with the various forms of rewards which came their way as a direct result thereof, even though their names were never flashed over the news pages. I believe, however, that when individuals who serve others in positions that have a great bearing on the success of their employer's business, by their special efficiency promote the best interest of their employer, their name deserves special mention.

Some Recent Awards

While many members of our staff have won a considerable number of awards during the last ten years, and have earned the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool approximately one hundred Prize Ribbons for butter exhibited by us all across the Dominion, I shall in this brief resume confine myself to mention only more recent awards. At this time it is especially pleasant to note that some of our producer-members joined with our staff in promoting the true spirit of contest; I count this as of no small importance, and wish to express my sincere appreciation therefore. These are the winnings at two recent competitions:

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(Continued on page 7)

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men's Convention, Edmonton, February, 1948.

Mr. A. G. Campbell, Foreman and Buttermaker, Calgary Plant: 3rd Prize for Creamery Butter (Solids), Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, November, 1947; 3rd Prize for Creamery Butter (Prints), Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, November, 1947.

Mr. M. M. Looy, Buttermaker, Hanna Plant: Buttermaker's Efficiency Certificate and 8th Prize for Workmanship, Alberta Dairymen's Convention, Edmonton, February, 1948.

Mr. Searn Lien, Branch Manager, Acme Plant: Cream Grader's Certificate of Merit, for close relationship between Grades of Cream received and Grades of Butter manufactured therefrom. Alberta Dairymen's Convention, Edmonton, February, 1948.

Mr. E. W. Prince, Branch Manager Rosemary Cheese Factory: 9th Prize, Cheddar Cheese, Royal

Winter Fair, Toronto, November, 1947.

Faced Keen Competition

Some of these awards were won as a result of a full year's record of performance, and all in very keen competition with a large number of outstanding Butter and Cheese Makers in Alberta, and in the case of the Royal Winter Fair, in competition with makers from the entire Dominion. Constant attention to proper grading and processing was required, as well as to sanitation and maintenance of plants and equipment. All of these men worked in close contact with their local manager and fellow members of the staffs. They received much valuable guidance from the Dairy Commissioner and his staff of Dairy Inspectors, through whose offices these competitions were promoted.

Apart from the satisfaction it has given these men to receive such awards, I rate such accom-

plishments highly from the standpoint of general plant management. For achievement of this kind naturally gives your Board of Directors and myself some real assurance that we have with us men whom we may safely entrust with the daily operation of our plants. To manufacture over Three Quarters of a Million Dollars' worth of Dairy Products annually, and sell same in a market that demands so much in quality, is no mean task. Upon the ability of the employees depends greatly our success, financially speaking. To win steady market outlets and hold them, in a highly competitive field, is of the utmost importance.

I take this opportunity to congratulate each winner of these awards, and to thank all other members of our staff who helped to bring about the establishment of such gratifying records.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Presentation to Dominion Cabinet.

As reported in the last issue the C.F.A. Executive met with the Dominion Cabinet on February 26th. The brief that was presented will be available shortly in booklet form. The A.F.A. office will see that all Directors of affiliate organizations will receive a copy of this brief. Others wishing a copy may secure same from the A.F.A. office at Calgary.

A.F.A. Bulletin.—There has been a continued demand for information dealing with activities and organizational set-up of the A.F.A. In an effort to meet this, a booklet has been prepared which will give the required information. These are available to all interested parties and will be mailed to Directors of A.F.A. affiliates, U.F.A. locals and A.F.U. locals. It is hoped that this information will help to clarify the relationship of the Federation to other farm organizations.

Income Tax.—Farmers clear across Canada are worried. For that matter, they are decidedly annoyed, over the new income tax forms.

Earlier in the year we were informed that the 1947 tax form would be simplified, but instead of this the new statement asks for information that is, in some cases, very difficult if not impossible to give.

Letters and resolutions of protest continue to come into this office. This does not apply to Alberta alone, and as a result the C.F.A. vigorously protested the inclusion of the net worth statement when making its presentation to the Cabinet. The U.F.A. Executive has also protested and has been in touch with Income Tax officials.

The Federation is giving this whole question careful consideration and it is hoped that further announcements can be made in the near future. We would urge all farmers to secure a copy of this return form immediately. Study it carefully and report your opinion to this office. Such action will strengthen the hand of the Federation in reaching a satisfactory solution.

(Late News on this subject elsewhere in this issue.)

Make Sure of Barley Seed

Prospective contestants in the National Barley Contest are advised by the committee to make sure of their seed supplies; they advise having rather more than just enough for the planned acreage, and getting registered and certified seed. Eligible varieties for the 1948 contest will be Montcalm, O.A.C. 21, Mensury and, in Alberta, Olli.



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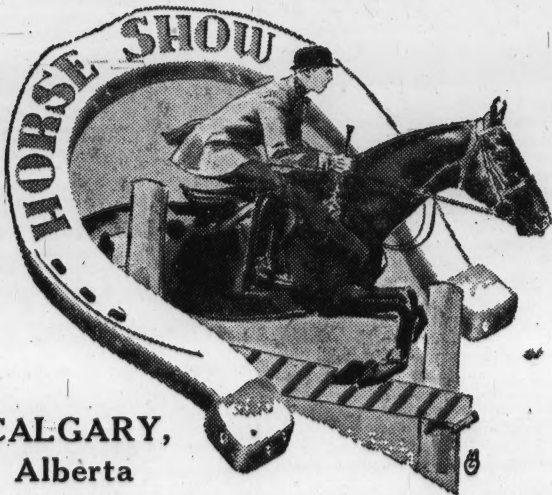
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Annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association, will be held in Toronto, March 24th.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Mar. 4th.—Abdication was forced, says ex-King Michael of Romania; does not consider it binding upon him. British Government retains seat in Wigan by-election.

Mar. 5th.—Czech consul at Toronto sends resignation to Prague government, following resignations of Czech

ministers to Canada and U.S., on Wednesday. Czech army being purged says Social Democratic paper in Prague; Russian wheat imports permit raising of bread rations. King and Queen will tour New Zealand, Australia early in 1949, announced in London.

Mar. 6th.—Agreement on international control of Ruhr announced by Britain, U.S., France; state objectives in Western Europe are economic reconstruction and creation of basis for a democratic Germany to take part in community of free peoples. Canadian Liberals will hold convention to select new leader in Ottawa, August 5th, 6th and 7th, Mackenzie King announces.

Mar. 7th.—Britain may cut clothing rations still more to increase textile exports to Canada, says government official. Argentina does not and will not recognize European colonial possessions in America, says President Argentine Senate. Finnish-speaking Kerelians reported trying to cross borders into Sweden. De Gaulle says American aid to Europe must extend to "fields of defence". U.S. is not only country with atomic bombs, hints McNaughton.

Mar. 8th.—The U.S. is leading western powers in a plot to split Europe and build up Germany with a view to aggression against the U.S.S.R., charges Russian note to Britain, the U.S. and France. Finland agrees to negotiate treaty with Russia. Radio Moscow charges that three-power meeting on Western Europe was a step towards dismemberment of Germany. British warships deliver to Chile and Argentina protests against infringement of sovereignty on Falklands. Diplomats of Russia, France, China, the U.S., meet to consider Palestine problem.

Mar. 9th.—Even with Marshall Plan aid, British living standards will fall from those of 1947, states Government white paper; imports of Western Hemisphere foods must be cut. Pollitt, British Communist leader, is refused entry into Canada, London reports.

Mar. 10th.—Jan Masaryk, foreign minister in new Czech government (though a member of no party) killed by fall from third-floor window; believed suicide; was son of founder of republic of Czechoslovakia. Five western European powers negotiating alliance agree their union will be open to other countries of continent.

Mar. 11th.—Non-Canadian Communists to be excluded from country, states External Affairs Minister St. Laurent. British Government withdraws 75 per cent tax on U.S. films. Pope Pius calls on Italian voters to defeat Leftists in April elections. Republicans will now support Marshall plan, is Washington report.

Mar. 12th.—Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg agree on fifty-year treaty of political, economic and military alliance. Truman tells Americans April or May may bring world crisis.

Mar. 13th.—State funeral held for Jan Masaryk in Prague. U.S. will dismiss all aliens employed at embassies in Russia and satellite nations. Japanese are now free to travel within British Columbia except for coastal areas, by Ottawa order-in-council.

Mar. 14th.—U.S. Senate approves first year's operations of European aid plan. New Czechoslovak government arrests 20 in purge of National Socialists. Dr. H. Puender, member of German government in Weimar regime, elected chief executive of "Bizonia".

Mar. 15th.—European recovery (Marshall Plan) conference opens in Paris. U.S. State Department spokesman says if Italy goes Communist she will get no further aid from U.S. Attlee announces all known Com-

Photograph "Darkest Africa"

LONDON, Eng.—R.A.F. pilots are now gathering material for the first aerial panorama of East and Central Africa ever made, photographing from high altitudes thousands of miles of hitherto unmapped jungle country. The object of the work is to provide a basis for the location of roads and railways, and other useful information.

munists and Communist sympathizers will be removed from vital government jobs.

Mar. 16th.—Marshall Plan conference votes unanimously to include Western Germany in scope of plan; objectives of conference declared organization for increased production, and fairer distribution of raw materials and finished goods. British government eases restrictions on foreign travel; meat ration is further cut. Communist-led Czech government begins recasting of educational system.

Mar. 17th.—Five-power western European treaty signed. U.S., Russia, China, France, continue conference on Palestine; to report to UN on Friday. UN Security Council asked by Chile to investigate Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

Widespread rains in the sheep areas of South Africa, and improved prices for wool, are expected to result in an upturn in numbers of sheep and in wool production there.

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Congress Delegates Reaffirm Policy re Taxation of Co-ops.

Plan Strong Representations at Ottawa in Support of Amendments to Law

Very strong representations will be made to the Dominion Government by the Co-operative Union of Canada, calling for the amendment of the Income War Tax Act and the Excess Profits Tax Act in relation to the taxation of co-operatives, as a result of decisions reached at the Congress of the Union held in Saskatoon last week.

The Congress reaffirmed its policy in respect to taxation, as set before the Government in the past; it was pointed out that the Minister concerned had indicated that if experience should show present legislation to be unsatisfactory, "the Government would take steps to make further amendments."

The Congress therefore recommended that "the surplus of any association conducting business for its members shall not be liable for income or excess profits tax."

(1) If it is provided that no member shall have more than one vote;

(2) If the net surplus arising from member business after payment of expenses and setting aside of depreciation and necessary reserves is allocated among its members in proportion to the business of each, pursuant to a prospect held out in the act of incorporation bylaws or in a contract with members. It is proposed that if an association desires to place in reserve a sum in excess of that which the Minister deems necessary, "the setting aside of such additional reserve shall not disqualify such association or organization from exemption from tax, but such reserves shall be subject to tax in its hands."

(3) If the surplus is paid to the members in cash or otherwise as determined by the association, "provided that the amount so allocated be reported when required by the Minister, and, if income of the member shall be taxable in his hands in the year in which it is allocated;" and

(4) If it pays not more than a moderate amount of interest on share capital of the association;

(5) If not more than one-third of its business in any year is done with non-members; and

(6) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any association shall pay income tax on that portion of its net surplus arising from non-member business which it does not distribute to non-members.

It is further asked that the surplus of any association directly owned or controlled by one or more associations carrying on as above, shall not be liable to income or excess profits taxation if it conducts its business also in the same manner; "nor shall any patronage dividend distributed to it by its member associations or organizations be liable to be taxed in their hands if the member associations in turn allocate the dividend so received to the members on a patronage basis."

The Congress asked further that the 3 per cent provision in respect to co-operatives be removed from the Income War Tax Act; that the term of exemption of new co-operatives be extended from three to five years; that religious and educational institutions be specifically included in the list of corporations which may be members of a tax-exempt co-operative credit society.

Certain other amendments were also sought.

Seek Better Farmer-Labor Understanding

Because it is "desirable to have a better understanding between farmers and organized labor," states a resolution adopted by the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada in Saskatoon last week, the Directors of the Union have been requested "to take the lead in calling conferences between leaders of trade unions in Canada and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and its affiliated organizations in Canada, for the purpose of working out an educational program to be instituted among the farmers of Canada and industrial workers." Copies of the resolution are being sent to the national offices of the Canadian Congress of Labor, the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers of America, C.I.O., and Victor G. Reuther, director of education for that union, addressed the Congress, urging that closer links be forged between labor unions and co-operatives. Mr. Reuther stated that his organization was now thinking rather of improving living standards than of striving for increased wages.

Give Directors Power re Inflation Problem

Since the inflationary tendencies which became effective when the Dominion Government removed price controls "have not yet been effectively curbed," the Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada instructed the Directors to "take such further steps as they deem necessary." The Directors had waited on the Prime Minister last October in connection with this matter.

MR. FARMER, IT'S UP TO YOU NOW!!

This is Your Opportunity To Help Yourself!!

Legislation is before Parliament at Ottawa to extend government monopoly of wheat marketing to include oats and barley. If enacted YOU WILL BE COMPELLED TO SELL YOUR OATS AND BARLEY AS WELL AS YOUR WHEAT TO THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD.

However, to make this monopoly effective, it may be necessary that each provincial legislature pass a law permitting this government monopoly.

So this is your opportunity to protest against the extension of the monopoly. You were not given an opportunity to protest against the wheat monopoly. But YOU CAN AND SHOULD make protest now. Those who favour the monopoly are working tooth and nail to get control over your grain. You must fight against them with all your might.

IF YOU DON'T PROTEST NOW, and your neighbours, of like mind, don't protest now, you may have only yourself to blame. Provincial Legislatures may fall in line with Parliament and all those dependent upon grain growing for a living will be absolutely in the power of political pressure groups and so-called "farm leaders".

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange has endeavoured to show wheat growers what monopoly has cost them. Controlling prices for wheat was a war measure. Nobody grumbled about that. But the monopoly was extended to peace times without even asking the consent of wheat growers, who, as a result, have lost hundreds of millions of dollars. They shouldered the burden, instead of it being paid by ALL THE TAXPAYERS.

If the Government monopoly is extended to oats and barley another link will be forged in the grain grower's Chain of Bondage.

YOU SHOULD LOOK AHEAD

It is the future, not the past, that is now most important to farmers. Think of the dangers that threaten you. No man, and no group of men, is WISE enough or GOOD enough TO BE TRUSTED WITH UNRESTRICTED POWER. "All power tends to corrupt . . . absolute power corrupts absolutely".

Your wheat is now marketed at POLITICAL PRICES and for POLITICAL PURPOSES. Oats and barley are subject to even more political pressure; and since VOTING POWER RESTS WITH CONSUMERS, there will be a constant political battle between producers and consumers . . . and PRODUCERS WILL BE THE LOSERS.

The Grain Exchange has done, and is doing all that it can to uphold the farmer's Freedom of Choice in selling his grain. Let those farmers who wish to sell through the Wheat Board do so; but demand the Right to sell your grain when, where and to whom you choose at prevailing market prices.

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Two or three times before I think I have mentioned some coincidences about what I intended to write to you. I will tell you what happened this time. Last night, when I was lying in bed thinking about my letter to you, I hesitated as to whether I should add my appeal to the Aid the Children Fund. Then I decided that no words of mine could add to what had been said; every woman's heart had already been stirred and stirred through our own children.

Foundation of Appeal

A few minutes ago, I went to get some pamphlets on quite another subject and picked up some which Dr. Laycock of the University of Saskatoon had given me some time ago, before this last particular appeal was being made. But one of them is so relative to the subject and contains so much we must bear in mind not only with food for the starving children, I am going to take the liberty of copying part of two paragraphs. I am sure Dr. Laycock would want them repeated, for "All Children Our Children" as this one was entitled, is the very foundation stone of this appeal.

Dr. Laycock is National President of the Canadian Federation of Home and School, and this address was given first to members of Home and School or Parent/Teacher Associations, but it applies to every one.

He was commenting that it was very easy for associations to centre their interests in one particular school, but he went on to say, "The parents and teachers and other adults of one school, say in Edmonton, have to be interested in the children of a remote school in the northland or in the foothills. Furthermore, they have to be interested in the children of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, if for no other reason than the fact that these may come over the border and corrupt their city and their Province. They have also to be interested in the children of Ontario and Quebec and Nova Scotia, since Canada's destiny lies in the hands of all its children. Wherever a child in Canada grows up with an unwholesome personality or a warped character, he is a potential source of infection or injury to every community."

Dr. Laycock continued that therefore there should be Federal aid for education. But he added:

Unhappy Plight of Many Children

"However, we can't stop there." And he continued to tell of some of the devastation in some of the ruined countries of Europe, and the unhappy plight of the children starving, ill-treated, with their family life and emotional security shattered." Then he continued, "But these children and the children of our late enemies are the adults who will live with our children. All the children of the world must live together when they grow up. They together must either build a peaceful world or keep Europe and the rest of the world a vast armed camp. Calculated self-interest and the interests of our own children and country likewise lead us to be concerned for these boys and girls who are casualties of total war. All the world's children are our children."

If we keep only that one sentence in mind, that is enough.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Stony Plain U.F.W.A. voted \$15 to the Canadian Appeal for Children.

Cassils U.F.W.A. are asking for the mobile T.B. clinic to come to the Brooks district.

From the proceeds of their Bingo party, Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. sent a \$10 CARE parcel, and a \$5 donation to the Canadian Appeal for Children; after their concert and dance on April 2nd they hope to send more, reports Mrs. D. Warren, secretary.

Proceeds from the entertainment arranged for tomorrow (March 20th) will go the Canadian Appeal for Children, writes Mrs. T. Giles, secretary of Conrich U.F.W.A. Recently, ten twenty-pound food parcels were sent to Britain by this Local, to friends or relatives of members.

\$25 was contributed by Notre Dame U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton) to the Canadian Appeal for Children; at their last meeting, roll call on superstitions, John Fisher's impressive stories, better house competition, fine bulletins, arrangements for coming bridal shower filled the afternoon, writes Mrs. J. F. Henderson, secretary.

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Rainier U.F.W.A. are filling a cedar chest with donations from members, and plan to raffle it during the summer.

Craigmyle U.F.W.A. recently earned some money by serving lunch at the curling rink, and they are also cooking for a Board of Trade banquet.

At a recent meeting Rosyth U.F.W.A. made plans for a Leap Year Dance. These ladies are among those who have sent contributions to the Canadian Appeal for Children.

A well filled food box is sent each month to Britain by Horn Hill U.F.W.A. (Red Deer) writes Mrs. J. P. McKinnon. Discussion of the recent amateur night showed satisfaction that the event had been so successful, and some helpful suggestions were made for future use.

A parcel for Britain was packed during the afternoon of a recent meeting of Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Owendale) and, following an explanation by Mrs. Harper, it was agreed to send \$10 to the Canadian Appeal for Children. Plans were made for a joint meeting with the U.F.A. to be followed by a social evening.

Farm Home and Garden

Swiss Steak: Pound into round or flank steak as much flour as possible, using edge of plate or back of cleaver; brown steak in small quantity of fat in hot skillet, add canned tomatoes, chopped onion, pepper, salt, and enough hot water to cover. Cover dish and simmer until tender—about 2 hours; add more water if necessary during cooking.

Eggs a La King: To 1 cup mushroom soup add 1 cup milk, heat, add 2 tbs. chopped green pepper or chopped pimiento, 6 hard-cooked eggs, coarsely chopped; season to taste with salt, pepper, pimiento; serve on toast.

Honey Chews: Beat 3 eggs, add gradually 1 cup honey, then 1 cup flour which has been sifted with 1 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. salt; lastly add 1 cup nutmeats and 1 cup finely cut dates; pour into a well greased dish and bake in a slow oven about 40 minutes; when cool, cut into bars.

Pyjama Backs: When making pyjamas, buy some extra material (3/4 yard for a man's size), and cut out an extra back; when the back of the pyjama coat gives out, it's a fairly simple matter to replace it; and the life of the pyjamas will be almost doubled.

Brooks U.F.W.A. have decided to enter the "Better Farm House Competition," and will give a one-act play in the E.I.D. competition.

Little Folks' Puzzle



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Frank says that he is going to build something for some of his outdoor friends. He is getting his tools together. If you would like to see what he is going to build, join all the numbered dots together starting with dot 1 and ending with dot 18. Color when finished.

Junior News Items

Lower Beaverlodge Juniors recently voted \$25 to the Canadian Appeal for Children, and, at the same meeting, they listened to the National Farm Radio Forum.

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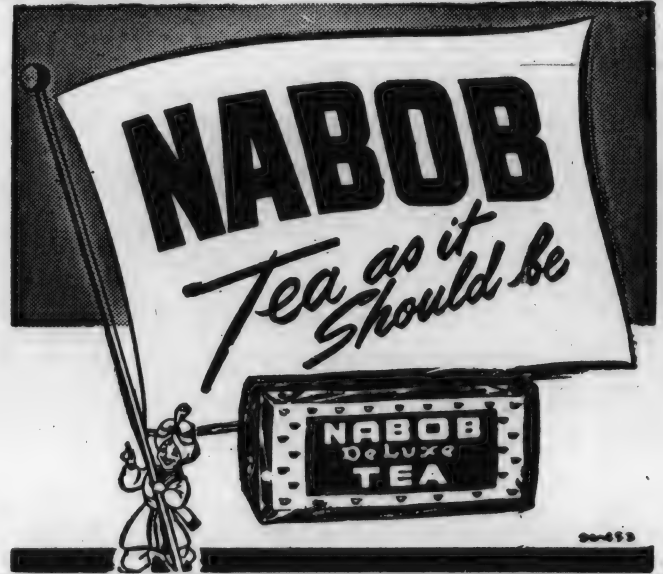
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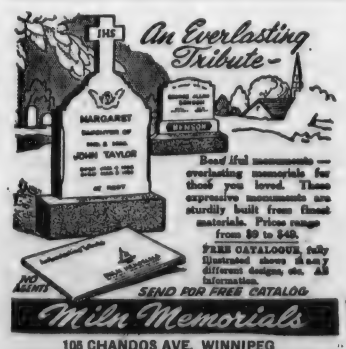
range a joint meeting, each Local to provide fifteen minutes' entertainment, lunch and dancing to conclude the evening, writes Morris Shaw, secretary of Lakeside Local. A public speaking contest was also decided on, each member to be required to take part.

A National Youth Orchestra is being organized in Britain for the country's most promising young musicians, from the ages of thirteen to nineteen.

ANTARCTIC WHALING FLEET

The total whaling fleet in the Antarctic this season consists of 17 floating factories, and 154 "catchers"; in addition, three land stations are in operation. The limit of 16,000 blue whale units, set by the new proposed International Agreement, is expected to be reached by the allotted time.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The signing of an international wheat agreement on March 6th by representatives of 36 nations gathered at Washington, D.C., was a momentous event. This international agreement is an effort aimed at bringing a degree of stability to the international wheat trade, this to be effected through guarantees for the delivery of specified quantities of wheat within stated price ranges.

The agreement is for a five-year term, commencing August 1st, 1948. Under it, Canada, the United States and Australia, guarantee to supply 500 million bushels of wheat annually, and 33 importing nations guarantee to take that amount, at price ranges between \$1.50 to \$2.00 for 1948-49, the minimum dropping by 10¢ a bushel for each of the following four years and the maximum staying at \$2.00 a bushel.

Canada's share of the half a billion bushels is 230 million, while the U.S.A. has a quota of 185 million and Australia 85 million bushels.

There are many details in connection with the agreement that have yet to be explained. The purpose of the plan, however, is to prevent a return to cut-throat competition for overseas markets on the part of the wheat surplus producing nations, while at the same time giving assurance to importing nations of ample supplies at fair prices.

Optimistic Reports

As spring approaches the likelihood of increased supplies of wheat becomes more apparent. Reports from Europe continue optimistic. The huge winter wheat area in the United States has come through the winter in fine shape, and the outturn may again reach a billion bushels.

In Western Canada a hard winter is drawing to a close. Snowfall has been unusually heavy, particularly in southern Alberta. Consequently there has been no soil drifting.

At the present time it would seem that wheat acreage for 1948 will be increased over the 1947 figure in the Prairie Provinces. Last year some 23 million acres were seeded in this area, 2.5 million in Manitoba, 14 million in Saskatchewan and 6.5 million in Alberta. With a decline in the prices of oats and barley and an increased initial price for wheat, seedlings of the latter grain will undoubtedly be enlarged.

Russia's Cereal Exports

From the 1947 cereal crop, the U.S.S.R. is exporting some 2,367,000 long tons (2,240 pounds to the ton), it is stated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Of this amount, some 738,000 long tons (coarse grains) is going to Britain, and the balance, bread and coarse grains, is being shipped to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland, and the Scandinavian countries.

Because of drought conditions last fall, British farmers were unable to reach the target of 2.4 million acres of wheat, and are now being urged to make up the deficiency with spring wheat sowings.

Elevators Farm Service by D. M. McLean, assistant director. While it has limitations, Mr. McLean enumerates the advantages: economy of operation, ready absorption of moisture, protection against wind by trash and a definite tendency for improved yields under conditions of low rainfall. More field investigation work is needed, concludes Mr. McLean, to find answers to some of the problems confronting farmers who are now using this practice.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 17th.—Hogs advanced to \$27.50 for Grade A last week, but are down this week to \$27.25 to \$27.35; sows \$14.10 liveweight. Good lambs are \$15.75 to \$16.25, very few sheep being sold. This week, trade is active with steady prices; fairly good truck run so far; last two weeks receipts were only moderate, due to road conditions. Good to choice steers are \$15 to \$16, down to \$12 for common; good to choice heifers \$14 to \$15, down to \$11 for common; good cows, \$10.75 to \$11.50, down to \$8.50 for common, \$5.50 to \$8 for canners and cutters.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS Mar. 15th.—Trading was active last week, with light receipts. Bulk of choice steers traded \$15 to \$15.75, choice butcher heifers \$14 to \$14.75, good light cows \$10.50 to \$11, bulls \$8 to \$10.25. Good to choice handy-weight veal calves \$13.50 to \$14.50, heavy calves \$9 to \$14; good to choice handyweight lambs \$14.50 to \$15, yearlings \$6.50 to \$7. Grade A hogs for shipment \$28, \$27 at plants; sows liveweight \$14.

The Dairy Market

Butter and butterfat prices remain at the ceilings. Locally, butter stands at 67 cents, special grade cream is 69 cents, with deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation 30 cents.)

Belfast Farmer Claims Record for Friesian Heifer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland.—A Friesian heifer, Craighe Rosan, owned by a farmer of Belfast, has made a record by producing 1,492 pounds of butterfat in 365 days.

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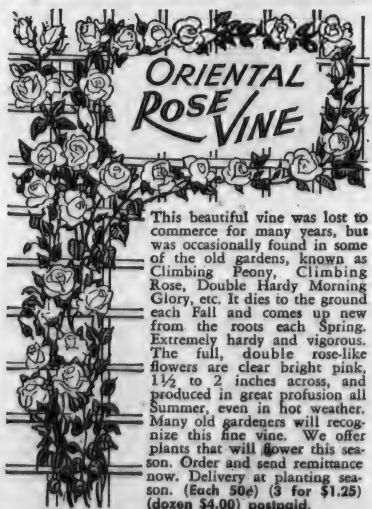
Cash income received by Canadian farmers from the sale of farm products in 1947 reached the all-time high total of \$1,990,600,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The previous record was made in 1946, with a total of \$237,900,000 less than in 1947.

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Fine Job of Printing

Artistically designed, and printed on heavy coated paper, it is a fine job of printing. Its forty pages include an attractive cover and a pictorial representation on front and back inside cover pages of the ramifications of the Company's business between its Vancouver and Port Arthur Terminals, and many excellent photographs of U.G.G. personalities. The President and General Manager, R. S. Law, extends greetings to the employees.

Of Historical Interest

Of much historical interest is a photograph of the first organization meeting of Canada's original farmer-owned co-operative—the Grain Growers Grain Company established in 1906 on the principles of the world's original co-operative society, the Rochdale Pioneers of England, to improve marketing conditions for Western farmers. This pioneer company, of course, was later merged with the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company to form United Grain Growers, Ltd.

There are portraits of pioneer officers, of President Law, Vice-President J. E. Brownlee, K.C., and other Executive Officers, of the full Board of the

Company, and of the Manager Western Division, George E. Edworthy, and arrangements of portraits of the heads and members of the staff of all the Company's many departments including that of *The Country Guide*.

Pioneer Struggle

Of especial value is the story, told in the pamphlet, of the pioneer farmers' struggle to break the early monopoly in grain handling. It is of interest to recall that the Company was expelled from the Winnipeg Grain Exchange for declaring its intention to pay patronage dividends in accordance with basic co-operative principles, and that threatened disaster was averted by its reinstatement through the intervention of Premier Roblin of Manitoba, and by farmer members pledging their assets to the bank to enable the business to continue. "The monopoly of grain handling had come to an end." . . . Authorization in 1946 of payment to its members and customers of \$2,500,000 in patronage dividends was "a fitting observance of the Company's fortieth anniversary."

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Last Year—Annual Congress Held

SASKATOON, Sask.—Total business done by co-operative marketing and purchasing associations affiliated with the Co-operative Union of Canada during the last fiscal year for which figures are available was \$410,375,465, it was shown at the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada held in this city. This business was provided by 612,859 patrons, of 538 associations reporting out of a total of 705. Membership in these associations totalled 545,004.

Notable Progress

Upwards of 150 delegates attended the Congress, from March 8th to 12th. Notable progress was reported from coast to coast, and both agricultural and urban groups were well represented.

The Board of Directors stated that for the past three years the Union has been endeavoring to cultivate right relationships with the major labor organizations of the Dominion. They stated, "Progress has been made in this direction and it would seem that organized labor is now giving substantial recognition to the need of the co-operative movement in protecting the workers' rights and opportunities."

Answer to World Problems

In the course of an address in which he welcomed the delegates to the Province, Premier T. C. Douglas expressed the belief that in co-operative movements in various forms were to be found the only answer to the individual's and the world's economic problems. "The old era of live and let live," he said, "is slowly being replaced by a new era, where the belief is live and help live, and your co-operatives are in the vanguard of this new age."

Elect Officers

Congress approved a \$35,000 budget for the Co-operative Union for 1948, and elected Ralph S. Staples of Toronto President for the third term; while A. C. Savage of Toronto was also re-elected by acclamation as Vice-President. Directors, one from each Provincial co-operative group are: R. J. McMaster, British Columbia; J. R. Love, Alberta; Ave Friesen, Saskatchewan; J. J. Siemens, Manitoba; A. C. Savage, Ontario; F. Delehanty, New Brunswick; Ted McDonald, Nova Scotia; Jerome O'Brien, Prince Edward Island.

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Wool Growers to Meet

On Thursday of next week, March 25th, the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., will be held at the Royal George Hotel, Toronto.

INCOME TAX FOR MS (Cont. from p.1)
required. We urge immediate action in this respect, as mass meetings of farmers already held and now called throughout the Province, show how intensely farmers feel about this form, and further, that local inspectors be instructed to return all forms that have been completed and filed so that a new statement without net-worth and inventory can be filed.

The meeting also recommended that all farmers withhold filing their returns for a period of ten days pending further negotiations.

Failing satisfactory consideration

of this request within a reasonable period the Executive have been instructed to call another meeting to arrange to develop the matter further.



MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

We were marooned recently out at our chicken ranch for four days, and it's snow joke we can assure you.

Li'l Goldlocks, our office vamp, tells us that her latest sweetie is sometimes quite a dear and at others he acts like a bear. But, says she, smiling coyly, I'm awfully fond of animals.

Managed to get down to Calgary at last and found some of our poetic correspondents had been stimulated by the miles of the beautiful snow

on which they have been gazing, so we're going to let 'em do their darndest with the column for this issue.

THE IMPERATIVE MOOD
I call for wine when I am sober,
And poetry when I am sad;
For heav'n when I get into trouble,
Good-fellowship when I am glad.

—Volodimir Barabash.

She was only a playwright's daughter, so she knew when to put on an act.

"Former Alberta Man Gets \$500 Fine."—headline in the *Albertan*. He's a lucky chap; most people have to pay 'em.

FRAGMENT

Soon, soon will the winter be gone.
Prairie crocuses peek from their lair,
And a bird song will sprinkle the air
With joy at the coming of dawn.
Then fairylike Spring o'er the land
Will dance in a gay saraband.
—S.M.

Mrs. J. E. K. sends us the following ad which appeared in a Siamese newspaper: "The news of English. We tell the latest. Do a murder get commit, we hear and tell of it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of sombre. Staff has each one been college and write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circulate every town and extortionate not for advertising. Buy it!"

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Barny Milstein informs us that he has been studying French, but when he went to a party up St. Albert way, he couldn't for the life of him make out what they were singing, although he had a faint idea that he had heard the tune somewhere. Here's what he heard. Recognise it, fellow?

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Les nuits sans toi
Sont vides pour moi.
Parmi mes rêves
Ton corps se leve.
Sois le fleur
De tout mon coeur,
Chere Adeline.

O.K. mes enfants! Altogether now!

POME

The girl chews gum,
The cow her cud,

This difference all will allow,
The girl looks dumb,

But there is some
Intelligence on the face of the cow.

—Thexn to C.J.K.

And another of our correspondents sends us this one, said to have been written by a poet named Elliott, presumably to prove that alliteration's artful A is not so dead after all:

To Sappho Sitting Singing on the
Shining Saffron Strand,
Sang Stalwart Snorri Sturluson, a
Samisen in hand:

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the Strait of Singapore,

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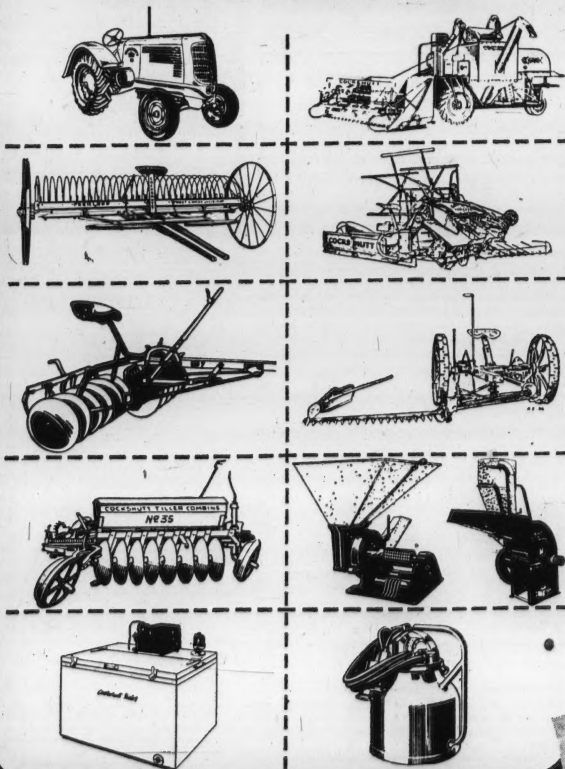
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